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College, career prep programs get boost with grants

Seventy-three Indiana high schools, postsecondary institutions, career centers and consortia, including several in northeast Indiana, have been awarded grants totaling more than \$1.8 million by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

According to the department, the grants will help schools better align their curricula with more rigorous academic standards and improve student preparation for high-wage, high-demand jobs projected for the state in the decades ahead.

The grants from the state were awarded in two categories: Tech Prep and Project Lead the Way. Tech Prep is a nationwide career development system that includes a planned program of study incorporating academic and career-related courses leading to a diploma, degree or two-year apprenticeship certificate.



Twenty-one institutions received grants to implement the Tech Prep system. Local grant recipients include:

- * Northwest Allen County Schools/Carroll High School, Fort Wayne: \$50,000
- * East Noble School Corp./East Noble High School, Kendallville: \$15,000
- * Elkhart Community Schools/Elkhart Central High School, Elkhart Memorial High School and Elkhart Area Career Center, Elkhart: \$15,000

Fifty-two institutions were awarded grants for Project Lead the Way programming, the goal of which is to get students interested in engineering. The project provides a four-year sequence of courses designed to prepare students for the challenges of a collegiate engineering program.

Project Lead the Way grant recipients include:

- * East Allen County Schools/New Haven High School, New Haven: \$20,000; Leo Junior-Senior High School, Leo: \$30,000
- * Northern Wells Community Schools/Norwell High School, Ossian: \$20,000
- * Wabash City Schools/Wabash High School, Wabash: \$20,000